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DEATH CALLS TWO GROTON CITIZENS

**JOHN KLAUS AND MRS. B. F.
DICKERSON PASS INTO
GREAT BEYOND**

John Klaus, a prominent farmer and stockman residing north of Groton, died last Thursday morning, following an illness of only a few days. Only his close friends knew of his illness and his sudden death was more or less of a shock, as he seemed to be in the best of health until a few days before his death.

Monday he was doing his usual duties at the farm in Riverside, but late in the day, he complained that he was not feeling well. His son, William, brought him to Groton and Dr. Olson at once advised him to go to bed, while everything possible was done to relieve his suffering. But despite the efforts of physicians, his condition gradually grew worse, and during the final stages of his illness, he sank into a state of coma because of the terrific pain he suffered. He was in this condition when the end came in the early morning hours of Thursday. Sugar Diabetes was given as the cause of his death.

John H. Klaus was born at Macon, Mo., in 1863 and came to South Dakota in 1884. In 1886 he was united in marriage to Miss Hettie Alderman. Two children were born to this union, Mrs. Ewald Kuehnert and William, both of Groton. While the education of his children was underway, he engaged in several lines of enterprise in Groton, but when their education was completed, moved to a farm in Riverside, where he has since resided and conducted a stock and dairy farm.

He is survived by his son, William, and daughter, Mrs. Ewald Kuehnert, by his grief-stricken widow and by three sisters, Mrs. Edna Moyer and Mrs. Ada Lanphin, of Kirksville, Mo., and Mrs. Dora Lutz, of Fort Collins, Colo. John Hart and Earl Moyer are nephews who survive him.

Mr. Klaus was held in high esteem by the entire countryside, and his sudden and untimely death had caused widespread sorrow in this locality.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church, Saturday afternoon, of which he was a life-long member, Rev. Ray conducting the services. He was laid to rest in Groton cemetery with a large concourse of friends attending the last sad rites.